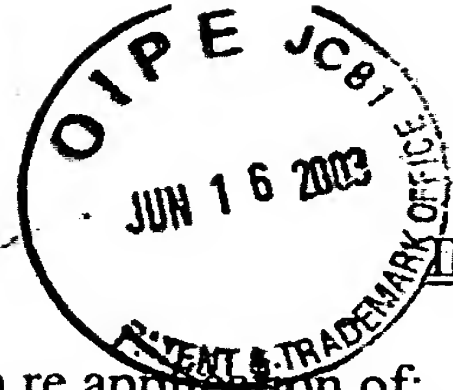


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
  
Robert A. SHEPHERD, Jr. et al.  
  
Application No. 10/006,100  
  
Filed: December 3, 2001  
  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLASMA  
OPTIMIZATION IN WAFER PROCESSING

) Attorney Docket No. NOVEP015  
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) Examiner: Zervignon, Rudy  
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) Group Art Unit: 1763  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby transmit an Amendment in the above-identified application.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>23</u> -	<u>23</u>	<u>00</u>	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>03</u> -	<u>03</u>	<u>00</u>	X42 = \$	OR	X84 = \$

[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid \$140 \$280

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$0

- ☐ Applicants hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.
- ☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NOVEP015).
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the extension of time fees.
- ☒ If any fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NOVEP015). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, the shortened period for response extends to June 12, 2003. Please enter the amendments and remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.